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SUBJECT: SINO-INDIAN BORDER CLASH

REF: NEW DELHI 14526

1. NOVEMBER 1 CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT RECEIVED
HERE BY FBIS CLAIMS THAT OCTOBER 20 SINO-INDIAN BORDER
CLASH TOOK PLACE AT TULUNG PASS AND INDICATES INDIANS FIRED
ON "THE CIVILIAN CHECKPOST AT CHUNA". SHEET NG 46-2 ARMY
MAP SERVICE 1:250,000 U-502 SERIES SHOWS TULUNG PASS ALONG
A RIDGELINE (COORDINATES: 27 49' N., 92 14'E.). AT THIS
POINT MAP SHOWS MCMAHON LINE (IN THIS INSTANCE "LINE OF
ACTUAL CONTROL" TO WHICH CHINESE WITHDREW AFTER 1962 WAR)
AS FOLLOWING THE RIDGE. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF A CHECK-
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POST NAMED CHUNA AT TOP OF PASS, BUT ABOUT SIX MILES TO

THE SOUTH, WELL WITHIN WHAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE INDIAN
CONTROLLED TERRITORY, THERE IS A SETTLEMENT NAMED "CHUNA".

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION POSTS CAN PROVIDE,
WITHOUT APPROACHING HOST GOVERNMENTS, ON ACTUAL LOCATION OF
THE OCTOBER 20 INCIDENT. WE NOTE THAT BOTH SIDES ALLEGE
THAT INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN THEIR TERRITORY.

3. GOI OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON INCIDENT (REFTEL) ASSERTS THAT

IT OCCURRED IN AN AREA "REGULARLY PATROLLED" BY INDIAN
TROOPS "FOR MANY YEARS". WE ARE UNCLEAR HERE ABOUT WHAT
GROUNDRULES HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED IN RECENT YEARS REGARDING
PROXIMITY TO THE LINE OF CONTROL BY BORDER PATROLS OF THE
TWO COUNTRIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION POSTS
MAY HAVE ON THIS. KISSINGER

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